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SUBJECT: MBFR: AD HOC GROUP MEETING - 27 MARCH

FROM US REP MBFR

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1. FOLLOWING IS AN ACCOUNT OF AD HOC GROUP MEETING HELD MORNING OF 27 MARCH WHICH FOCUSED ON APPARENT LACK OF NEW SOVIET INSTRUCTIONS; TACTICS FOR NEXT QUADRILATERAL MEETING ( INCLUDING POSSIBLE UNILATERAL STATEMENTS BY HUNGARY AND ALLIED REPS); MBFR AGENDA; AND HOW TO HANDLE POSSIBLE EASTERN QUESTIONS ON A RECESS IN THE TALKS. SUMMARY IN SEPARATE HIGHLIGHTS CABLE.

2. BILATERAL CONTACTS - CHAIRMAN ( US REP) OPENED MEETING  
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WITH REQUEST THAT REPS REPORT ANY RECENT BILATERAL CONTACTS.  
CANADIAN REP ( GRANDE) TOLD GROUP THAT CANADIAN MFA

DIRECTOR- GENERAL HAD BEEN IN BELGRADE RECENTLY AND THERE HAD HAD A CONVERSATION WITH AN ASSISTANT TO THE YUGOSLAVIAN CSCE REP. YUGOSLAV HAD SAID THAT SOVIET OBJECTIVES WITH REGARD TO THE FIRST BASKET FOR AGENDA TOPICS WERE NOT BEING MET, SINCE MILITARY SECURITY ITEMS WERE NOW BEING INCLUDED. YUGOSLAV ALSO TOLD CANADIAN THAT YUGOSLAVIA ACCEPTS THE PRINCIPLE OF HAVING A SEPARATE MBFR FORUM. HOWEVER, IN THE YUGOSLAVIAN VIEW, THREE PRINCIPLES SHOULD BE MET AS REGARDS MBFR. FIRST, THERE SHOULD BE NO DIMINUTION OF THE SECURITY OF OTHERS; SECOND, MBFR SHOULD NOT BE RESTRICTED IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS TO CENTRAL EUROPE; AND THIRD, SOME PROCEDURE SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH THOSE OUTSIDE THE MBFR FORUM. YUGOSLAV ALSO REMARKED THAT US AND USSR APPEAR TO BE MORE INTERESTED IN SALT TWO THAN IN MBFR. CANADIAN REP TOLD GROUP THAT CANADIAN DIRECTOR GENERAL HAD INFORMED THE YUGOSLAV THAT CANADA WOULD BE READY TO DISCUSS MBFR WITH YUGOSLAVIA ANY TIME.

3. US REP REMARKED THAT CONSTANTINESCU ( ROMANIAN REP) WAS APPARENTLY MAKING THE ROUNDS TAKING SOUNDINGS ON RECENT ROMANIAN PROPOSAL AT CSCE. IN US/ ROMANIAN BILATERAL YESTERDAY ( VIENNA 2407) CONSTANTINESCU REPEATED TO US REP NOW FAMILIAR LINE THAT ROMANIA WANTS ALL ASPECTS OF DISARMAMENT DISCUSSED. WEST, HOWEVER, HAS SAID THAT PARTICIPATION IN VIENNA CANNOT BE WIDENED, AND THAT US OPPOSES ENLARGING SECURITY CONTENT UNDER DISCUSSION AT CSCE. ROMANIA IS THEREFORE SEARCHING FOR A PODIUM FROM WHICH IT CAN PROCLAIM ITS INTERESTS. US REP TOLD CONSTANTINESCU ROMANIA SHOULD NOT BE IMPATIENT AND CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN NOT TO OVERLOAD THE VIENNA TALKS WITH ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS.

4. US REP ALSO REPORTED ON A SECOND BILATERAL RESULTING FROM A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH KVITSINSKIY LATE ON 26 MARCH. LATTER HAD QUESTIONED WHETHER ANOTHER EAST/ WEST QUADRILATERAL SESSION ON HUNGARY TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED AFTER THE LAST MEETING FOR 27 OR 28 MARCH, WAS IN FACT DESIRABLE AT THIS TIME AND HAD SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS IT BE PUT OFF TO THE END OF THE WEEK ENDING 30 MARCH. US REP TOLD GROUP THAT HE HAD RECEIVED IMPRESSION THAT KVITSINSKIY WAS NOT SURE THAT A MEETING WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE AT THAT TIME AND THAT THE CONFIDENTIAL

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SOVIETS HAD NOT YET RECEIVED FULL INSTRUCTIONS. US REP SAID HE TOLD KVITSINSKIY THAT IT APPEARED DESIRABLE TO HIM TO HAVE ANOTHER ROUND ANYWAY, AND IT WAS AGREED THAT THE NEXT QUADRILATERAL MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE ON THE MORNING OF 28 MARCH AT THE NETHERLANDS EMBASSY.

5. US REP NOTED TO AD HOC GROUP THAT THE MATTER OF UNILATERAL STATEMENTS SEEMED RELATIVELY SIMPLE AND SOVIETS HAD CLEARLY ASKED FOR INSTRUCTIONS, IT WAS DIFFICULT TO KNOW WHAT WAS

CAUSING THE DELAY. THE DELAY COULD BE USED AS A FLAG OR THEORETICALLY IT COULD SUGGEST SOME LINKAGE TO DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CSCE. ALLIES SIMPLY LACK ENOUGH INFORMATION AT THIS TIME TO JUDGE. THE PROSPECT OF DELAY HAD BEEN FORESHADOWED AT THE LAST QUADRILATERAL MEETING WHEN THE SOVIETS EXPRESSED RELUCTANCE AND UNCERTAINTY REGARDING THE SCHEDULING OF THE NEXT MEETING. THE MEETING OF 28 MARCH MIGHT ALSO BE CHARACTERIZED BY THE SAME FRAGMENTARY DISCUSSION OCCURRING AT THE LAST QUADRILATERAL.

6. TACTICS FOR 28 MARCH QUADRILATERAL - NETHERLANDS REP ( QUARLES) SUGGESTED THAT WESTERN SPOKESMEN BRING UP POSSIBLE LINKAGE WITH THE CSCE IN THE MEETING WITH THE EAST ON 28 MARCH. US REP THOUGHT THIS WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE SINCE ALLIES MIGHT REVEAL THEIR OWN NERVOUSNESS ON THE ISSUE. NORWEGIAN REP ( KRISTVIK) AGREED WITH US REP THAT IT MIGHT BE UNWISE TO BRING IN THE NOTION OF A LINK WITH HELSINKI.

7. CANADIAN REP, NOTING THAT IT MIGHT BE PREMATURE TO DISCUSS IT, PROPOSED THAT GROUP CONSIDER HOW MUCH LONGER IT SHOULD CONTINUE PROBING THE EAST WITH UNPRODUCTIVE RESULTS. US REP SAID THAT IF NO EASTERN COUNTERPROPOSAL WERE FORTHCOMING BY THE MIDDLE OF THE WEEK OF 2-6 APRIL, IT MIGHT SIGNIFY INTENTIONAL DELAY AND THE GROUP MIGHT BE CALLED ON TO BEGIN AN ASSESSMENT OF ITS SIGNIFICANCE. IT WOULD BE PREMATURE NOW TO MAKE SUCH AN ASSESSMENT SINCE INTERNAL SOVIET BUREAUCRATIC PROBLEMS MIGHT BE INVOLVED. BUT OTHER EXPLANATIONS WERE POSSIBLE, AN- ALOGOUS TO THE LONG DELAY IN THE EASTERN RESPONSE TO THE ALLIED NOTE OF 15 NOVEMBER, 1972, IN RESPONSE TO THE LONG DELAY CAUSED BY NAC CONSIDERATION OF THE ISSUE.

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8. BELGIAN REP ( WILLOT) AGREED THAT IT WAS PREMATURE TO MAKE AN ASSESSMENT NOW. HE RECALLED THAT SOVIETS, POLES AND EAST GERMANS HAD SAID ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS THAT ONCE THE WEST PUTS FORWARD A CONSTRUCTIVE ITEM THE WEST WOULD HAVE TO SHOW THE SAME PATIENCE WHICH THE EAST HAS SHOWN WITH THE WEST TO DATE. SUCH A WESTERN PROPOSAL WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS AND THIS COULD NOT BE DONE RAPIDLY. WILLOT SAID THAT TIMERBAYEV HAD TOLD HIM THAT THE HUNGARIAN ISSUE IS ONE ON WHICH SOVIET MILITARY IS STANDING FIRM, ALTHOUGH SOVIET DIPLOMATS HAD BEEN AGAINST HAVING THE POSITION IMPOSED ON THEM. IF SOVIET DIPLOMATS CONCLUDE THE WESTERN PROPOSAL ON HUNGARY IS ACCEPTABLE, IT COULD MEAN HAVING THE SOVIET MILITARY OVERRULED AND, TIMERBAYEV ADDED, ONE CAN IMAGINE THAT THIS WOULD TAKE TIME. US REP COMMENTED THAT WHILE ALLIES SHOULD KEEP AN OPEN MIND IT WOULD IN ANY EVENT APPEAR THAT WE HAVE LOST THIS WEEK FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING ANY PROGRESS BEFORE EASTER.

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9. FRG REP ( RUTH) AGREED THAT GROUP SHOULD NOT REACH HASTY CONCLUSIONS. BY NEXT WEEK IT WOULD CONSIDER STARTING DISCUSSION OF THE AGENDA AS PROPOSED BY THE NETHERLANDS REP IN THE 27 MARCH AD HOC GROUP MEETING. IF NEW PROPOSALS HAVE DEVELOPED IN MOSCOW, AS SUGGESTED BY WILLOT, EASTERN AGREEMENT TO DISCUSS OTHER ITEMS SUCH AS AGENDA WOULD INDICATE NOT A GENERAL DELAY BUT ONLY THAT THE EAST WAS NOT READY TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS ON THE HUNGARIAN ISSUE. DANISH REP ( POULSEN) SUPPORTED FRG REP AND SAID THAT GROUP SHOULD EXERCISE CARE IN CONSIDERING TO SUSPEND THE DIALOGUE NOW ESTABLISHED. IF PROGRESS COULD NOT BE MADE ON HUNGARY, IT WOULD BE BEST TO FIND OTHER MATTERS TO DISCUSS IN ORDER TO CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE.

10. CANADIAN REP SAID THAT HE WAS NOT ADVOCATING CLOSING OFF THE PRESENT SERIES OF PROBES. RATHER, RECOGNIZING THAT THE GROUP WOULD HAVE TO REPORT TO THE NAC ON AN AGREED BASIS SOON, IT MIGHT BE BEST TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF HUNGARY AND, IN KEEPING WITH THE SUGGESTION BY THE FRG REP, TAKE UP DISCUSSION OF THE AGENDA AND THE COMMUNIQUE.

11. ITALIAN REP ( TALIANI) AGREED THAT GROUP SHOULD NOT DRAW HASTY CONCLUSIONS FROM THE SOVIET DELAY AND, IN FACT, THE DELAY MIGHT BE A GOOD SIGN SINCE IT SUGGESTS THAT THE SOVIETS ARE NOT COMPLETELY NEGATIVE. GROUP SHOULD BE VERY CAREFUL IN

CHOOSING A MANNER TO INITIATE INFORM DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS BECAUSE IN EARLIER CONTACTS SOVIETS HAD CLEARLY STATED THAT THEY WERE AGAINST DISCUSSING OTHER ITEMS BEFORE THE PARTICIPATION ISSUE WAS SOLVED. ITALIAN REP FELT THAT GROUP MIGHT DISTINGUISH BETWEEN FORMAL MULILATERAL AND INFORMAL BILATERAL CONTACTS IN CHOOSING THE BEST APPROACH. IN ANY EVENT, CAUTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED BECAUSE IT COULD BE EMBARRASSING TO HAVE THE SOVIETS FLATLY REJECT A WESTERN SUGGESTION TO BEGIN DISCUSSION OF OTHER TOPICS. HE SUGGESTED THAT GROUP MIGHT BEST WAIT UNTIL THE WEEK OF 2-6 APRIL BEFORE CONSIDERING PROBING EAST ON THIS MATTER. US REP, AS CHAIRMAN, NOTED THAT ALL APPEARED TO BE IN AGREEMENT WITH ITALIAN REP'S VIEW.

12. BELGIAN REP EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR ITALIAN REP'S VIEW AND RELATEE TO GROUP A CONVERSATION HE HAD HAD WITH KARKOSZKA (POLISH DEL OFF) AT LAST RECEPTION. KARKOSZKA HAD SAID THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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WEST WOULD RECEIVE AN EASTERN COUNTERPROPOSAL BY 26 MARCH WHICH MAY NOT BE TO BELGIAN LIKING, BUT BELGIUM SHOULD NOT BE OVERLY CONCERNED BECAUSE THE COUNTERPROPOSAL WOULD MERELY BE THE EAST'S FIRST MOVE. BELGIAN REP TOLD GROUP THAT HE HAD NOT FULLY CROSS-CHECKED THIS INFORMATION BUT, IN A SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH AN EAST GERMAN DEL OFF, HE HAD BEEN TOLD THAT THE COUNTERPROPOSAL MIGHT BE FORTHCOMING AFTER THE WEEK-END OF 24-25 MARCH. IN VIEW OF THESE REMARKS, BELGIAN REP CONCLUDED THAT EITHER MOSCOW HAD NOT YET APPROVED THE APPROACH RECOMMENDED TO IT BY THE SOVIET DEL OR THAT MOSCOW WANTS TO GO BEYOND THE RECOMMENDED APPROACH. ACCORDINGLY, BELGIAN REP WOULD WARN ALLIES AGAINST SHOWING THE SMALLEST SIGN OF IRRITATION WITH THE EASTERN DELAY. HE ADDED THAT FAMILY CONSIDERATIONS SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO INTERFERE WITH GROUP TAKING THE CORRECT TACTICAL MOVES BETWEEN NOW AND EASTER.

13. CHAIRMAN SAID THAT THERE WAS NOTHING CONTRADICTORY IN REMARKS MADE HERETOFORE. ALLIES HAVE FRAGMENTARY INDICATIONS WHICH PERMIT EITHER POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE CONCLUSIONS ABOUT THE SOVIET DELAY. THE ALLIES SHOULD BE CAREFUL TO AVOID INDICATING ANY NERVOUSNESS ABOUT IT. IN LINE WITH CANADIAN REP'S PROPOSAL THAT GROUP BEGIN THINKING AHEAD ON AGENDA, HE FELT THAT THE GROUP WAS CONFRONTED WITH THE THREE QUESTIONS OF WHAT TO DO, HOW TO DO IT, AND WHEN TO DO IT.

14. FRG REP NOTED THAT HE HAD RAISED QUESTION OF AN EASTERN RECESS NOT AS A SUGGESTION, BUT IN CONTEXT OF NEED TO REPLY TO POSSIBLE EASTERN QUERIES. HE FELT GROUP WAS NOT SHOWING IMPATIENCE, AND SHOULD WAIT FOR THE REACTIONS OF ITS EMISSARIES. HE REMINDED GROUP THAT INFORMAL PROBES ON AGENDA ITEMS HAD ALREADY BEEN STARTED BY THE OTHER SIDE AND THIS SUGGESTS EASTERN INTEREST IN MATTERS OTHER THAN THE HUNGARIAN QUESTION. US

REP COMMENTED THAT AS RECENTLY AS 26 MARCH CONSTANTINESCU  
HAD INQUIRED ABOUT AGENDA ITEMS. FRG REP SAID THE QUESTION  
WAS HOW THE ALLIES CAN BEST PRESERVE THEIR POSITION IN THIS  
EXERCISE. US REP EXPRESSED VIEW THAT GROUP SHOULD BEGIN LOOKING  
AT AGENDA TOPICS AGAIN AND THAT SOME RECASTING OF THE CANADIAN  
" UMBRELLA " PAPER WAS PROBABLY REQUIRED.

15. IN PREPARATION FOR 28 MARCH QUADRILATERAL, US REP SUGGESTED  
GROUP REVIEW REVISED VERSIONS OF UNILATERAL HUNGARIAN AND  
WESTERN STATEMENTS. IF OTHER SIDE ADVANCED CONCEPTS RELATIN  
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TO THIS, WESTERN SPOKESMEN WILL NEED TO CONSIDER THOSE CONCEPTS  
IN THE LIGHT OF THE DESIRABLE WESTERN OUTCOME AS REPRESENTED  
BY THE DRAFT STATEMENTS. IN ....

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ASKING FOR GOURP' S COMMENTS ON DRAFTS, US REP ASKED GROUP TO KEEP IN  
MIND THAT PURPOSE WAS TO PUT ACROSS TO THE EAST HOW WEST' S ALTERNATIVE

VIEW OF HUNGARY IN ABEYANCE WOULD APPEAR.

16. IN ENSUING DISCUSSION SEVERAL POINTS WERE MADE WHICH RESULTED IN REVISED STATEMENTS( TEXTS OF WHICH APPEAR BELOW). NETHERLANDS REP SUPPORTED BY FRG AND BELGIAN REPS, FELT LAST SENTENCES OF STATEMENTS SHOULD CONVEY PARALLEL CONCEPTS AND WORKING. TURKISH REP ( TULUMEN) OBJECTED TO USE OF WORDING " JOINTLY" IN FIRST SENTENCE OF HUNGARIAN STATEMENT AND AGREED TO REPLACE JOINTLY WITH " TOGETHER WITH HUNGARY". GREEP REP ( SEKERIS) EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE SKEPTICISM REGARDING ACCEPTABILITY TO EAST OF POSSIBLE HUNGARIAN STATEMENT. US REP POINTED OUT THAT INTITAL POSITION OF WEST WOULD BE TO HAVE HUNGAR

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TO FALL BACK TO HAVING STATEMENT INCLUDED AS A SEPARATE PARAGRAPH. SOVIETS WOULD PRESUMABLY BE STARTING FROM THE POSITION THAT THERE SHOULD BE ONE UNILATERAL ORAL STATEMENT. THUS, REACHING AN AGREEMENT WILL INVOLVE CONSIDERABLE STRUGGLE. MORE GENERALLY, US REP REMINDED GROUP THAT PURPOSE OF THE POSSIBLE UNILATERAL STATEMENTS IS NOT TO CONVEY EXACT LANGUAGE NOW BUT ONLY TO PUT ACROSS CONCEPTUAL IDEAS.

A. BEGIN TEXT OF REVISED VERSION OF POSSIBLE HUNGARIAN STATEMENT:

THE REPRESENTATIVE OF HUNGARY AGREES WITH THE VIEW THAT THE PARTICIPATION OF HUNGARY AMONG THE STATES LISTED ABOVE ( REFERENCE IS TO PARAGRAPH BLANK, DIRECT PARTICIPANTS, OR POSSIBLY TO BOTH LISTS) WILL BE DECIDED TOGETHER WITH HUNGARY AT A LATER STAGE. THE MODALITIES AND DEGREE OF HUNGARY' S INCLUSION IN DECISIONS, AGREEMENTS OR MEASURES RELATING TO CENTRAL EUROPE WHICH MAY BE REACHED OR AGREED IN THE COURSE OF THE PENDING NEGOTIATIONS HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED AND WILL ALSO BE DECIDED AT A LATER STAGE. END TEXT.

B. BEGIN TEXT OF REVISED VERSION OF POSSIBLE WESTERN STATEMENT:

THE REPRESENTATIVES OF ( BLANK) WISH TO POINT OUT THAT THE STATEMENT MADE BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF HUNGARY HAS MADE CLEAR THAT THE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF HUNGARY IN THESE CONSULTATIONS ARE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE NATURE OF HUNGARY' S PARTICIPATION IN FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS, DECISIONS, OR AGREED MEASURES, OR TO THE SECURITY OF ANY PARTY. IN PARTICULAR, IT IS AGREED THAT THE QUESTION OF HOW AND TO WHAT EXTENT HUNGARY WILL BE INCLUDED IN FUTURE DECISIONS, AGREEMENTS OR MEASURES MUST BE EXAMINED AND DECIDED DURING THE PENDING NEGOTIATIONS. END TEXT.

17. EASTER RECESS - CHAIRMAN THEN TURNED DISCUSSION TO FRG QUESTION ON EASTER RECESS. FRG AREP REMARKED THAT POLISH AND ROMANIAN DEL OFFS HAD EARLIER INQUIRED ABOUT WESTERN PLANS FOR EASTER. TURKISH REP TOLD GROUP THAT BRIE ( GDR REP) HAD HASO RAISED EASTER ISSUE, SAYING THAT PARTICIPATION ISSUE SHOULD BE SOLVED FIRST AND THEN ATTENTION SHOULD BE TURNED TO OTHER ITEMS AFTER AN EASTER RECESS. THIS, TURKISH REP SAID, WAS MORE OR LESS A COMMON POSITION OF EASTERN DELS AND PERHAPS

WAS ALSO TIED TO CSCE CONSIDERATIONS.

18. US REP MADE TWO POINTS. FIRST, IT WAS A CONTINUING SOVIET THEME AT THE CSCE AND ELSEWHERE THAT THEY DO NOT RAISE THE QUESTION OF RECESSES AND INITIALLY OPPOSE PROPOSALS FROM OTHERS TO THAT EFFECT. THIS IS TO DEMONSTRATE THAT SOVIET DELS ARE MORE COMMITTED THAN  
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OTHERS TO WORK IN HAND. SECOND, THE CONCEPT OF A RECESS IS A RISKY ONE EXPECIALLY NOW THAT THE MOMENTUM OF THE TALKS IS SLIGHT. EVEN IF THE EAST SHOULD BREAK PRECEDENCE AND RAISE THE QUESTION OF A RECESS, SETTING A DATE FOR RESUMPTION, ALLIES COULD NOT IN FACT BE SURE THE CONSULTATIONS WILL RESUME -- THERE MIGHT BE ADVERSE DEVELOPMENTS IN INTERIM AND, THEREFORE, SHOULD CONTINUE WORKING AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE TO CONCLUDE WORK.

19. ITALIAN REP SUGGESTED THAT THIS WOULD NOT PRECLUDE A DE FACTO RECESS OF ONE WEEK TO TEN DAYS. US REP COUNTERED THAT IF WEST MAKES IT CLEAR THAT IT DOES NOT WANT A RECESS EAST WILL NOT INSIST. FRG REP SAID ALLIES SHOULD LET OTHE SIDE RAISE THE ISSUE. IF WEST IS ASKED ABOUT A RECESS, WE SHOULD POINT TO FACT THAT THREE WEEKS REMAIN BEFORE EASTER AND THISALLOWS TIME FOR POSITIVE RESULTS. DEPENDING UPON THE ANSWERS RECEIVED FROM THE EAST IN REPLY TO THE LATEST WESTERN PROPOSALS. IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO FINISH BEFORE EASTER. CANADIAN REP, WHILE NOTING THAT AN EASTER VACATION MIGHT EXTEND FROM THURSDAY THROUGH MONDAY, OPPOSED AN EASTER RECESS AND SUPPORTED THE LINE TAKEN BY THE FRG REP. TURKISH REP COMMENTED THAT EASTERN DELS HAVE BEEN REFERRING TO AN EASTER HOLIDAY, NOT A RECESS. AS CONSTANTINESCU HAD SUGGESTED, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE SOVIETS ARE THINKING ABOUT CONNECTION WITH CSCE TIMETABLE AND THUS MAY HOPE TO FORCE ALLIES TO REMAIN IN VIENNA THROUGH MAY. INFORMAL AGENDA DISCUSSION SHOULD THEREFORE BE CONVEYED AS CONCEPTUAL THOUGHTS RATHER THAN AS CONCRETE FORMULATIONS. FRG REP COMMENTED THAT DISTINCTION BETWEEN HOLIDAY AND RECESS WAS A GOOD APPROACH.

20. BELGIAN REP NOTED THAT IT MIGHT BE EMBARRASSING IN TERMS OF PUBLIC OPINION FOR THE ALLIES TO TAKE A REST FROM DOING NOTHING. US REP AGREED AND AS CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED THAT GROUP SIMPLY TAKE THE LINE THAT THERE WAS PLENTY OF TIME REMAINING TO ACCOMPLISH WHAT HAD TO BE DONE. GROUP REPS SHOULD AVOID, HE FELT, DISCUSSING RECESS AT MARCH 28 RECEPTION, EVEN IN TERMS OF PERSONAL PLANS FOR THE HOLIDAYS. THIS WAS AGREED.

21. NEXT MEETING OF AD HOC GROUP SCHEDULED FOR 1600 HOURS 28 MARCH IN GERMAN EMBASSY FOLLOWING MEETING OF EASTERN AND WESTERN SPOKESMEN. HUMES

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